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SUBJECT: MUZOREWA VISIT

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1. ACTING ON THE INSTRUCTION CONTAINED REFTEL, BRITISH CHARGE LEONARD UNDERWOOD (UK AMBASSADOR DOUBLEDAY IS HERE BUT HAS NOT YET PRESENTED CREDENTIALS) AND I WERE RECEIVED TOGETHER THIS MORNING BY PRESIDENT TOLBERT. ACTING FONMIN SIAFA SHERMAN AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS REGINALD TOWNSEND WERE ALSO PRESENT.

2. AFTER THE USUAL EXCHANGE OF PLEASANTRIES, WE MOVED DIRECTLY TO THE SUBJECT OF BISHOP MUZOREWA'S VISIT TO LIBRIA. DRAWING ON REFTEL, I MADE THE POINT THAT AN ALL PARTIES MEETING WAS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM AND PARTICULARLY FOR MUZOREWA. UNDERWOOD JOINED IN POINTING OUT THAT NO ONE SHOULD BE MISLEAD BY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN EITHER PARLIAMENT OR CONGRESS--THAT THE U.S./UK PROPOSAL AS ENDORSED BY THE OAU STILL STANDS.

3.ON COMPLETION OF THE PRESENTATION I GAVE THE
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PRESIDENT AN INFORMAL PAPER EMBODYING THE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL. HE READ THE PAPER CAREFULLY AND SAID THIS CONTAINS EXACTLY WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD ME AND IS MY POSITION COMPLETELY. HE WENT ON TO STRESS THAT MUZOREWA IS IN DANGER OF LOSING HIS CREDIBILITY WITH AFRICANS IF HE CONTINUES TO FOLLOW THE SMITH LINE OF AVOIDING THE PROPOSED MEETING. PRESIDENT TOLBERT

CONFIDED THAT BOTH SITHOLE AND NKOMO TOLD HIM THEY ARE
UNABLE TO ACHIEVE A CEASEFIRE UNTIL AN ALL PARTIES
CONFERENCE IS ARRANGED. HE ADDED THAT NKOMO TOLD HIM AT
KHORTOUM HE REMAINS WILLING TO ATTEND AN ALL PARTIES
CONFERENCE.

4. TOLBERT SAID GOL STILL HAS NO INFORMATION ON ARRIVAL
PLANS OF MUZOREWA BUT HE LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING HIM
AND ADVISING HIM ALONG LINES OF OUR DISCUSSION.
CARTER

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